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To: Jane Henney, FDA Commissioner
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Subject: Petition for testing and mandatory labeling for genetically engineered

RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Commissioner Henney,

No one knows the true impact of genetically modified foods. Researchers are already proving that the genetic changes they made in bovine growth hormones back in the '50s, are causing cancer and other health problems now. This was supposed to have been deemed safe. Now it is in virtually all dairy products and can't be changed. There are no unchanged specimens left. Do some research on this. Changing the dna structures of any living thing is not natural (obviously). You can't predict the outcome in any way, or convince me that you can. There have already been 2 recalls of food products that were not intended for human consumption. This is totally unacceptable. It is our right to know that these genetically modified freaks are in the products which we purchase. I was horrified when I found out that an independent group was checking various food products, and 2 or 3 things that I had been eating on a regular basis had GMOs found in them. What about crossing tomatoes with cold-water fish genes to prevent freezing? Does that technically means that a vegetarian can't even eat tomatoes any more? If you aren't willing to ban this, at LEAST make it clearly labeled, so we don't have to be human guinea pigs against our consent!

On March 21, 2000, Greenpeace and a coalition of over 50 family farm, consumer and environmental groups joined the Center for Food Safety in a petition to the FDA demanding the development of a thorough pre-market and environmental testing regime for genetically engineered foods and mandatory labeling of such foods. I am writing for submission to the official rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CP1) in support of that action.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the FDA to require the labeling and pre-market safety testing of genetically engineered foods. We have an absolute right to know what is in the food that we are purchasing, as well as how it was produced. Scientists and doctors have warned that these crops may have unexpected side-effects in the diet and the environment, and there is no evidence that these foods are safe in the long-run.

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Please take action to ensure that our health and environment are not put at risk.

Sincerely,

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